A Medical Visa will be valid for three entries during a year. Foreigners coming to India on Medical Visa will be required to register themselves within a period of 14 days from the date of arrival. The Medical Visa has the provision for grant of Entry Visa to the attendants, who are family members (not more than two at a time), co-terminus with the duration of Medical Visa.

The provisions of careful initial scrutiny of applications and registration within fourteen days from arrival, so that the activities could be monitored by local police, would serve as safeguard against any misuse of 'Medical Visa'.

Child marriages

†1833. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that as per the recent surveys conducted by the National Commission for Women group marriages of the girls between the age group of 12 to 14 years are being openly held under the open patronage of senior citizens, local leaders in the States of Bihar, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make law regarding registration of marriage in view of the horriyfing result of child marriage;

(c) if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) The National Commission for Women (NCW) has not carried out any such recent survey. However, NCW had launched the Bal Vivah Virodh Abhiyan, a nationwide awareness programme against child marriages during April-May 2005 with particular focus on the States of Bihar, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) to (d) There is no proposal to enact a law to make marriage registration compulsory. There is no general Central law governing all the communities in respect of compulsory registration of marriages. In view of the subject matter "Marriage and divorce" falling under item 5 of List-III-Concurrent List of Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, it is considered appropriate to allow the State Governments to bring in necessary changes, if the conditions obtaining in the States allow such changes.

Paramilitary personnel killed fighting terrorism

1834. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Paramilitary personnel died while fighting terrorists on/close to borders during last three years;

(b) the details of compensation paid to each of them during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government would treat such paramilitary personnel on par with military personnel while giving compensation, awards etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The number of Paramilitary personnel who died while fighting terrorists on/close to borders during last three years are as under:—

CPFs	Numbers of personnel died (Year-wise)			
	2002	2003	2004	Total
AR	19	12	9	40
BSF	25	14	22	61
CRPF	5	8	9	22
CISF	3	2	0	5
ITBP	—	—	—	—
SSB	3	0	1	4
TOTAL:	55	36	41	132